

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

Claims 1, 2, 13-21, 28 and 34 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented. The text of all claims presently under examination is presented below in the listing of claims, and all claims are presented with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3, 4, 5-12, 22-27, 29 -33, 35 and 36 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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